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Editor's Message



David Wardlaw

In July 2023, Margaret Wardlaw and I spent a week at the Chautauqua Institution in New York State. It is in all likelihood unique, both as a type of gathering place and in terms of its educational and religious programming. We had never before experienced anything like it. Trying to describe the breadth and depth of such a profound and uplifting experience has proven challenging to this writer. The feature article provides my attempt to convey aspects of this experience faithfully. Perhaps the content will generate an interest in learning more than can be included in a magazine article format. Feel free to speak to me, or Margaret Wardlaw, or our minister emeritus, David McKane, who attended Chautauqua a number of times as part of his continuing education when he was Minister of Worship and Congregational Life at FSA. I am grateful to Jim Silcox for his insightful editorial assistance in the final stage of preparing this article.

In the last issue of *Tidings*, there was an Our Neighbours article on St. Paul's Basilica Cathedral. It made sense to run an Outreach article on St. Paul's Social Services (SPSS) as a follow-up. The article points out that FSA has supported SPSS in various ways for many years and acknowledges the significant contributions of Bill and Jean Knowles over a quarter of a century. We are indebted to the SPSS Program Director, Barb Symington, for contributing this item.

The Tribute to Ron Bradley reveals the steadfast long-term commitment of an FSA stalwart who quietly contributes to the well being of our community of faith. Annie Jannaway, our recently appointed Minister of Pastoral Care, is the subject of a Profile article. Even though Annie is not new to FSA, I expect most will learn something new about her from this piece. The Getting-to-Know article on Lorna Gunning Fratschko is an installment in an ongoing series of articles on those who became members of FSA in May 2023. The series began in the March 2023 issue with an article on Shannon Hawke and Connor Campbell. †

Correction:

In the hardcopy version of the most recent issue (Pentecost/Summer, Vol.33, No. 2, 2023), the author of the Our Neighbours article on p.5 was mistakenly stated as Bette Stephenson. The correct name of the author is Bette Ferguson. This correction has been made in the online version.



Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

"May You Live in Interesting Times"

My undergraduate philosophy instructor offered me the aforementioned wish, with the caveat that interesting can mean both disorienting/strange and creative. He believed that I was capable of seizing the promise of an "interesting time," even though it would entail some struggle and sacrifice. I hope he was right!

"...it will be up to all of us whether 'interesting' translates into possibility or despair."

We are certainly living through "interesting times," and just as my former instructor assured me, it will be up to all of us whether "interesting" translates into possibility or despair. For example, as I compose this brief reflection, I am working my way through a new variant of COVID, the first time I have dealt with it to the best of my knowledge. Poor timing, I think, but then again, I can't imagine a good time to deal with a virus. I will be out of quarantine on Saturday, just prior to my Sunday responsibilities, but I expect that physical recovery will take several more days. Though my symptoms are probably best described as those of a meddlesome cold, my limitations have certainly been exposed by this

ever-mutating virus.

Just as our efforts have been found wanting with respect to the accelerated changes of our life as a species on this planet, the viruses will continue to mutate. The effects of climate change are here and can at best be ameliorated—not reversed—by immediate action, and pews will not be warmed in religious settings the way they once were. So, what are we to glean from these limit-experiences, these physiological, ecological, and theological revelations?

One thing might be that we are not immune from risk. Despite our best efforts to inoculate ourselves and our kids, we are forever exposed, as mortals and desire-driven creatures. For us, life is always perilous and thus, precious. As Jean-Paul Sartre once wrote, it is fragility that names community as such, for without the desire to build together, there would only be value-less change. Another insight is that our historical and cultural DNA is not our destiny. It has been an important part of our journey, but it does not determine where we will be in the next 10, 20 or 30 years. Ultimately, what I want to suggest here is that the courage to be both vulnerable (willing to take risks) and adaptable (open to new directions) will lead us to practices and possibilities that serve us in "interesting times," just as we seek to serve the world at all times and in all circumstances. †



Rev. Annie Jannaway

Pastoral ministry is a privilege and a responsibility. In pastoral care, a sacred trust is bestowed that invites one into the intimacies and complexities of others' lives. Ordained ministers in the United Church of Canada are formally called to Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care. I felt called to the Ministry of Pastoral Care from a very young age, and after 30 years of Chaplaincy in hospital settings in Toronto, have the privilege of serving now at First-St. Andrew's. Pastoral care is an ancient model of emotional, social and spiritual support that can be found in all cultures and traditions. Lawrence E. Holst defines pastoral care from a Christian perspective, as "the attempt to help others, through words, acts, and relationships, to experience as fully as possible the reality of God's presence and love in their lives." I see the offering of spiritual and pastoral care as accompaniment and empathic listening to

another's story, outreach to the forgotten and marginalized, encouragement, guidance, compassionate support, counseling, and referrals to other professionals as needed. Other functions of pastoral care are to nurture, encourage spiritual growth, teach, lead, equip, and witness, especially through times of life transition, illness, loneliness, stress, grief and family or personal loss.

Working closely with the Minister and Chair of Membership & Nurture, I identify the persons and families for whom support or services are needed; visit members in hospital, at home or in long term care/retirement settings; telephone, email or visit members who are experiencing a life transition, illness, grief, or family or personal crisis; offer prayer; take Communion at certain times of the year; and provide opportunities for education and awareness sessions for the congregation. First-St. Andrew's United Church is blessed to have vibrant, dedicated, and caring volunteer support

teams with Lay Visitation, Caring Callers, Prayer Chain, Designated Lay Visitor, and a Letter Writing Ministry which enriches the pastoral care ministry at FSA.

Many years ago, I was working as the Protestant Chaplain at a Longterm Care Catholic Hospital, where, once a month, I offered a Communion Service to the Protestant residents. Many of the Catholic residents attended as well. It was my custom to say the name of the resident when offering the bread and wine. After one service, I was in the hallway during our fellowship time of refreshments and conversation. I overheard two residents sharing something which moved me. The one resident said – "She said it was for me this Bread of Life... she said it was for me this Cup of Blessing." Nurturing food, God's everlasting love, individual faith, relationship, intimacy, accompaniment, and healing in the midst of frailty and hope: Pastoral Care. †

Mission & Service

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Luis Fariñas, Director of Los Quinchos School picked me up at the hotel and we spoke on our way to the school. Luis shared that the school remains committed to its values which were born out of the liberation theology movement. In this time, they are concentrating on providing education to the children. Los Quinchos has lost all of its other international support due to the difficulties of sending funds to Nicaragua.

At the school, I had the opportunity to meet with the Vice Director, Yamiletta Elias Sandina. She shared that they have 1000 students attending the morning classes and 400 students in upper-level classes (secondary level) in the afternoon. They also offer classes on Saturdays for 150 adults and young people: for example, young women who want to continue their studies after they have had children.

REPORT ON LOS QUINCHOS PROJECT

I also had the chance to meet with one of the women who works in the kitchen to provide the feeding program for 500 of the children as a result of United Church funds.

Tony Otero, the Compañeros staff member who has worked with Los Quinchos on the infrastructure projects, took me around the school to visit the different improvements that have been executed with United Church Mission and Service and First-St. Andrew's funding. This included the purchase of chairs, repair of the school's fencing, installation of handwashing stations and water fountains, and repair of the school roofs.

Since my visit, \$11,000 CDN was sent in November 2022 for repair of washrooms, purchase of 100 student desks and food for 500 children at risk. This money includes the \$1000 donation from First-St. Andrew's. As always, we are thankful for the support of First-St. Andrew's for Los Quinchos. †



Heather Locking-Cusolito

Rev. Annie Jannaway

We are so fortunate at First-St. Andrews (FSA) to have wonderful staff carrying out conscientious, creative, and caring work. The newest member of our staff team is Rev. Anne Louise Jannaway (better known as Annie) who began her Ministry of Pastoral Care with us on June 1, 2023 and has already reached out to many members of our congregation in compassionate, gentle and supportive ways.

Annie, who has been an ordained minister for almost thirty years, brings an enormous wealth of relevant experience and educational preparation to her role. She has been a hospital chaplain at several hospitals in Toronto caring for people in many stages of their health journey. In addition to being a Minister of Visitation at two United Churches in Toronto and London, she is a certified specialist in pastoral care through the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care. From those who acted as references for Annie we heard the following glowing descriptions. Annie is “fearless, calm, compassionate, nonjudgmental, open, a deep listener, people felt heard and held, people felt accompanied on the journey.” Also, “Annie is a gift to the church. She is the best and is very skilled at pastoral care. She is very intentional about meeting individual needs, attentive at gauging people’s feelings. She brings a beautiful gift.”

Annie grew up in a family of five children (one of whom was her twin) in



Owen Sound. She felt called to pastoral ministry from a young age when her minister asked her to play the piano for services in long term care and hospital settings. She credits her maternal grandmother, whom she describes as warm, loving and faithful, as being a significant influence in her decision to become a United Church Minister.

Following a temporary retirement Annie moved to London five years ago when she and her wife Rev. Karen Low were married. She has been worshipping with us at FSA for the last two years during which she has experienced a vi-

brant and exciting congregational ministry with a deep commitment to pastoral care. Annie tells us she loves hearing people’s stories, she feels called to accompany them in difficult times, listening, encouraging, being in relationship, sharing our faith, being with those who are sick, lonely or grieving. Supplementing her caring personality, we can also attest to Annie’s lovely sense of humour and her keen organizational and communication skills.

In addition to her new role at FSA, Annie has many interests: dragon boating; learning the cello; playing piano; restoring furniture; listening to classical music and jazz; together with Karen restoring their 1915 home; writing; and until recently cycling and walking. She also looks forward to visits with her son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Allishia, who live in New Brunswick.

If you, or anyone you know would benefit from pastoral care please feel free to reach out to Annie. She welcomes your calls and emails. She can be reached by calling FSA at 519-679-8182 (option 4) or by email at pastoral-care@fsaunited.com. †



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David Wardlaw

For the better part of two decades, close friends have made an annual pilgrimage to partake of the programming at the Chautauqua Institution. For about the same length of time, they encouraged Margaret, my wife, and I to attend. Finally, in July of 2023, we took the plunge by spending a week there and found that our friends' exhortations were well founded.

What is Chautauqua? It is undoubtedly a unique phenomenon. Because of its panoramic, multi-faceted nature, the full answer is too lengthy to include in this article. Here is an abridged answer: Geographically, the Chautauqua Institution (known simply as Chautauqua) is located on Lake Chautauqua in far western New York state. It is a small town, an educational centre, an arts festival, a summer camp, and a retreat of 250 acres. One must have a gate pass to enter and private vehicles are not allowed. The heritage core is dominated by multi-storey century homes with clapboard siding and elegant covered wooden porches. In the core is a 4,000-seat covered amphitheatre where all major events take place. A distinguishing feature of the town site is the number of buildings owned and operated by societies affiliated with mainline religious denominations (the majority being protestant).

It started as a conference for Methodist Sunday School teachers in 1871. In that era, attendees came by steamship and camped in tents on platforms. It quickly emerged that people wanted more than religious studies, e.g., music, dancing and secular discussions. The Institution formally began in 1874 and

has operated continuously with a programming formula that brings together religious services, religious study & theology, lectures, the performing arts, health and wellness activities, discussion groups, recreational activities, and social gatherings.

The Chautauqua season runs from late June to late August and consists of nine weeks, each with a different theme. Each year there is a new set of weekly themes. We attended week four whose theme was "The State of Believing" which was also the theme of the primary plenary (morning) lecture series. The theme of the interfaith (afternoon) plenary lecture series was "Religious Faith and Everything Else We Believe In." We stayed in accommodation provided by one of the denominational societies whose holdings typically include a "House" which serves as the administrative headquarters and a place for meetings and gatherings, and one or two residence buildings providing basic, inexpensive accommodations in the manner of a dormitory. Our accommodation was in Mayflower House, a century building owned and operated by the United Church of Christ. There are modestly sized bedrooms on four floors, each with a sink, and with shared bathrooms at the end of each hall. The basement contains a full kitchen with multiple sinks and stove tops for shared food preparation and communal dining. Each party is assigned fridge and cupboard space for food storage. Everyone prepares their own meals, but dining is communal at large round tables. This setting fosters getting to know people and participating in wide ranging conversations, a valued portion

A WEEK AT C



Morning Worship Service in the

of our Chautauqua experience.

What about the rest of our Chautauqua experience? This was rooted in the week-long programming, which included some 45-55 events/activities available each day from Sunday to Friday – forcing some difficult choices. I chose five events per day: the morning plenary lecture, the afternoon plenary, morning worship, a micro course with a daily lecture called Islam 101, and the evening performing arts event featuring one or both of the Chautauqua Symphony

HAUTAUQUA



the Amphitheatre at Chatauqua

Orchestra and the Chautauqua Opera Company. Margaret chose a slightly different schedule. It reminded me of being an undergrad with a full daily schedule of classes separated both in time and in physical location on campus.

What was the impact? The rhythm of a daily morning worship service (with choir and organ) was new to me. With each passing day I found the service to be more worshipful and the collective became one of the most worshipful experiences I have had. The topic of the

set of sermons, delivered by the President Emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary, was “healing”, with texts from the healing miracles of Jesus. These sermons opened new dimensions on healing for me. The pattern of a daily worship service and the experience of daily worshipfulness reinforced what several speakers in the interfaith lecture series had said about the practice of faith: the importance of practice within a belief system; that the loss of faith is accelerated and facilitated by loss of everyday, prescribed faith generating practices and actions; it’s not the practice itself or its details, but what you become through it.

The micro-course, Islam 101, was outstanding in its curriculum, presentation, and engaging Q&A sessions. It is offered annually by a retired professional couple from New York City who are practicing Muslims. So many misconceptions were cleared up through this course. We are thirsty to learn more. Perhaps there is an Islam 201 somewhere out there?

The various plenary speakers addressed The State of Believing theme, both directly and tangentially, in their talks. What stood out for me was a series of questions and statements about believing and beliefs made by the speakers.

- Deeply held beliefs are not just religious, but pertain to emotions, natural science items, philosophies, interpersonal interactions, and more.
- Our beliefs come only in part from what we can objectively establish as true. Some come from what “works” in our relationship with our world

and others.

- What is a belief and why do we believe it? What is disbelief?
- What should one not believe? What if a belief contradicts the facts?
- There is clearly a connection between believing and trust but what is it?
- Decline in trust in churches is aligned with loss of trust in institutions in general.
- An incorrect belief is that everyone is responsible for what happens to them.
- Believing plays a role in the progress and direction of science. A powerful example is that, at the time, some scientists were unable or unwilling to believe Einstein’s general relativity. General relativity turned out to be correct in its predictions, including that of black holes. Then, Einstein himself did not believe this particular result.
- We need to learn that we can change our beliefs without compromising our integrity.
- Each of us has at least one belief which is dead wrong- we just don’t know what it is.
- We need to believe one can learn from others of a different side and develop some level of trust. This starts with changing our views of each other not with changing their views on the issue.

Chautauqua is clearly a special place, perhaps unique. It is so because of the people who organize and attend, because of the setting, and because of the amazing diversity of programming that honours the religious origins of this venerable institution. †



Barb Plante

Patricia Anne Sole
February 1939 - December 2022

Pat was born in Sarnia Ontario, and married Wayman Edward (Wes) Sole on July 26, 1958. In their 64 years together, their family was blessed with Tracie Lynn, born in France, and Dawn Elaine born in Germany.

In Pat's early years, she was a secretary at Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School (SCITS). After her marriage to Wayman, a member of the R.C.A.F., they moved to Moose Jaw Saskatchewan where she worked off-base as a secretary. She then accompanied Wayman on his next posting to Europe. On their return to Canada, Wayman returned to civilian life and Pat excelled as a full-time mother and homemaker. Later in life, Pat was a secretary at William Proudfoot House in London until it was closed. Then she was the secretary at First-St. Andrew's United Church where she served with Piercey McLean, Frank Meadows, and David McKane until her retirement. David describes Pat as calm, unflappable, and extremely capable. I remember her



as being gracious and helpful in dealing with many different personalities, but, as Wes has said, "when necessary, she could be very firm." While at First-St. Andrew's, Pat was a long-term member and handbell ringer, first with the Mixed Pealers and then with the Laudamus Bells where, after some time, she took over the tasks of music librarian. Pat was also a long-time member of the Knit Wits where she was a prolific knitter of prayer shawls and red scarves. Her prayer shawls have been gratefully received by numerous people across North America and beyond. Pat was also a member of the Ladies Sewing Group where she specialized in making oven and microwave mitts. Lately, she also served as a proof-reader for Tidings. Pat's memory lives on in the many lives she has touched across her years and ministries.

Wes remembers that Pat was very easy to get along with, but could put her foot down when needed! When the girls were young, Pat volunteered as a Brownie leader and sometimes recruited Wes for things like Guide Camp spring cleanup. She was a beautiful seamstress and made many of the family's

clothes, including her and Wes' square dance outfits. She also made several quilts using a hand frame.

Pat died last December in University Hospital, leaving behind Wes, daughters Tracie (David) Little, and Dawn Wimbush, grandsons Patrick and Sean Loffhagen, and Michael Little. She did much for FSA behind the scenes, quietly and with no fanfare. As Wes said, she never wanted any fuss. She was a lovely person, and we miss her. †

*Accompanying note from
Wes Sole written on Feb.
2, 2023, Pat's birthday*

Pat would have completed her 84th year today. But, on the third of December 2022, she cast off her life ending struggles and let her spirit free. We talked much of that moment in the days and weeks before her death. Those conversations helped soften the reality that approached. Now I feel her presence as she gently brushes by. Patricia, although the physical essence of you is gone, your love and spirit lives on in my memory and heart. A big thank you to all those who so generously offered your love and support. It was much appreciated by my family and myself. Peace



Nancy Quinn

Harold Jackson
March 1942 - April 10, 2023

Harold passed away peacefully, at age 81, in Victoria Hospital, after receiving a recent diagnosis of bone marrow cancer. He remains cherished in the hearts of his wife, Nancy Jackson, and his children Barbara Hill (Jason), Jonathan Jackson (Samantha), and H. Allen Jackson (Jenny). He was

a loving grandfather to Anna, Christopher, Jackson, Ellen, Caitlyn, Rachel, Benjamin, and Emily.

Harold made an outstanding contribution as the Head of Finance and as FSA's Treasurer from 2010 to 2016. Many remember his carefully illustrated PowerPoint Presentations of FSA Budgets. A prudent and careful steward of FSA's resources, we remain grateful for his conscientious, hard work on our

church community's behalf.

An accomplished scholar and business leader, Harold started off with a very strong academic foundation, based on two doctorates from Western University: one in Organic Chemistry (1969) and the other in Pharmacology (1973). His car in the FSA parking lot was easily identifiable as he self-deprecatingly christened it with "DOC DOC" licence plates. Humour aside, he

used his education well in managerial roles with both Ortho Pharmaceutical in Toronto and McNeil Pharmaceutical in Stouffville. He ultimately went to Guelph as a vice-president (1980 -2004) in order to nurture a new division of Johnson & Johnson's company, McNeil Consumer Healthcare. He retired in 2004.

In 1983 he joined the Rotary Club of Guelph, where he remained as an invaluable force for 40 years, often managing the many funds flowing through this Rotary chapter. He was a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and a Paul Harris Society Member. While living in Guelph, Harold gave 17 years of service with the local VON Board and was a strong supporter of The Foundation of the Guelph General Hospital.

Harold was passionate about music and Paul Merritt, our Organist Emeritus, recalls him being "a stellar tenor in our FSA Senior Choir." Nancy, who Harold met at Western, is a graduate of West-

ern's Faculty of Music, and she often delighted us as a guest organist and served in the alto section. The Jack-



sons also sang in the renowned Guelph Chamber Choir for many years. The Jacksons, in retirement, were generous in sharing their beautiful farm property as a location for the traditional June FSA choir party.

"The Farm" was a central passion

of Harold's! Paul remembers one occasion, which Harold joyously shared with him, in which Harold received a call on route to a Rotary Meeting in Guelph. Harold immediately forfeited the Rotary Meeting on receiving an invitation to drive the tractor on the family farm! The beloved family farm to the North of London, which Harold and Nancy retired to, has been in his family since 1839. A farm kid, Harold (Hal) learned the virtue of hard work by doing farm chores, attending a one room rural elementary school, and participating in 4-H Clubs.

Harold has modelled for us at FSA and in the community the parable of the good steward who took his gifts, increased them, and then gave back generously. We honour his financial prudence, his humour, his love of music, and his generous spirit. A celebration of Harold's life took place on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at First-St. Andrew's United Church. †

TRIBUTE



George Jolink

Ron Bradley – The Gift of Quiet Service

Most Sundays, you will find him sitting quietly in the very back pew. Gentle, dedicated, reliable and willing to offer help: this is Ron Bradley.

Ron started attending First-St. Andrew's United Church occasionally during the Frank Meadows years. Like so many of us, he found a welcoming church home and was warmly greeted by Bob Slater. In those days, Ron worked as an instructor on weekends for the St. John Ambulance organization which prevented him from becoming more involved, but he knew he had found a church home.

Ron came to London from Ottawa in 1975 as a result of a job transfer with the Budget Bargain Retail Company

and also served with the St. John Ambulance for over 25 years. Ron's family



includes a brother, who currently lives in Brampton, and a brother who has sadly passed away.

In his spare time, Ron enjoys the outdoors and camping, often at Point Farms or The Pinery. Ron is also an avid photographer and has been a member of the London Photography Club since 1975. He has collected 6 cameras and likes to do nature photography. He has an extensive library of photographs which he keeps for his own enjoyment.

Ron also enjoys travel and has found himself in places he never thought he would get to see. Yellowstone National Park, the Galapagos Islands, Iceland and New Zealand all have provided memorable life experiences.

His passion for healthcare and emergency services led Ron to serve as a standardised patient in the Nursing Program at Fanshawe and Western.

(Cont'd. on page 13)



Anne Cummings

Lorna Gunning Fratschko

It is with pleasure that I introduce to you, Lorna Gunning Fratschko, who became a new member at FSA in the spring. Lorna was born in Belleville and grew up on a dairy farm just outside of Tweed with her parents, two brothers and two sisters. As any farmer knows, it was a lot of hard work for the whole family. Her undergraduate degree is in Fashion and Textile Design from Brescia College. She also has two Master's degrees from Huron College: one in theology and one in medical ethics. Lorna has been married for 45 years to Erich Fratschko who is a financial planner and they have three daughters and one grandchild.

Lorna works at NSM Brand Media as Director of Business Development where she supports and advises clients with their business developments, helps with their social media platforms, and writes policy papers. In her leisure time, she makes beautiful clothes and fabric art, travels, reads books, gives service as a Rotarian, and writes on social media.

Lorna has made a major international impact with her Master's thesis, *The Euthanasia Debate: International Experience and Canadian Policy*, where she makes a connection between science and theology. It has been read widely around the world, including hospital boards and experts in the field of euthanasia making her an expert in this field.

She contrasts the status of euthanasia in Belgium and the Netherlands with other societies that instead use hospice and palliative care measures. What she discovered from studies in Belgium and the Netherlands was that the most vulnerable people in their societies (the ill, elderly, disabled, poor) were more at risk of euthanasia than other groups. She also argues



against the use of euthanasia because of the slippery slope of increasing numbers of new categories being added to the original category of incurable illness (e.g., allowing euthanasia of children with incurable diseases).

Instead of euthanasia, Lorna advocates for using hospices with palliative care for the terminally ill. The hospice mantra is "You matter to the last moment of your life and we will do all we can to help you die peacefully, but live until you die." She believes that the normative foundation of Canadian society is the principle that it is wrong to kill which is why capital punishment is no longer legal here. She thinks that humans are capable of applying creative and compassionate solutions and alternatives to our end-of-life issues.

When Lorna began to look for a church home, she knew that she wanted a United Church because her family's roots were there. She was drawn to FSA because of our outreach work with Ark Aid. Lorna has joined our choir and is a big help on our ongoing social media project. We are very fortunate to have this creative thinker with a warm personality and a mantra of "God's Work is Never Done!" as part of our FSA family. Welcome, Lorna! †

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Barbara Symington*

ST. PAUL'S SOCIAL SERVICES

St. Paul's Social Services has long been committed to serving our community with the establishment of the Fellowship Centre in the 1970's. We launched as a coffee house for people to gather and find friendship and community. Our Daily Bread Food Bank followed soon after. To quote Orlo Miller's interesting history, *Gargoyles and Gentlemen* (Ryerson Press, Toronto, 1966):

"The new Dean, Kenneth Bernard Keefe, had a background that included community welfare, and he saw the need for a meeting place for Londoners living on a limited income with few social supports. A coffee house was started in the unused gymnasium of the building. At first, coffee and snacks with conversation and fellowship, was the focus of this new project. Volunteer-led, the Fellowship Centre provided for the needs of the time."

Fellowship Centre happens thanks to our membership in the London Food Coalition, and support from Harvest Hands, Cobb's Bakery, Shopper's Drug Mart, and churches in the London area. Volunteer chefs create a weekly round of delicious meals in our kitchen made from scratch with fresh vegetables, meat, bread, and fruit. Much of the food donated would end up in dumpsters if not for the efforts of dedicated volunteers and community organizations.

To quote again from Orlo Miller, "In the depression of the 1860's, St. Paul's opened one of five soup kitchens in the city to meet the staggering needs of the poor. The Cathedral ladies took baskets of food and scuttles of coal to poor families at a time when inflation was high and paid work was scarce. The 19th century also faced repeated outbreaks of cholera in the city." St. Paul's Social Services continues its commitment to this meaningful mission with our Food Bank and Fellowship Centre.

As a registered charity, our operation is overseen by a



St. Paul's Social Services Volunteers who helped with Christmas Share 2022: L to R: Nancy, Helen & Paulina

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He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8 NIV) †

**Barbara Symington is Program Director of St. Paul's Social Services*

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AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING



From Aug 8-12, 2023, more than 800 people from 39 countries attended the annual conference of the American Ornithological Society at the London Convention Centre. Conference attendees were mostly scientists, academics and other professionals. On the evening of August 10, Nature London hosted ten conference participants on a Chimney Swift stroll in the vicinity of the convention centre and after viewing a number of neighbourhood chimneys used by swifts, participants came to FSA, where they viewed the swift sign in the front yard and saw the five FSA chimneys used by swifts during the nesting season. The final half hour of the walk was spent in the parking lot of FSA. Here participants were delighted to watch approximately 125 swifts dropping into FSA's big boiler chimney to spend the night. At this time of year these birds are gathering in preparation for their migration to South America. †

PRIDE PARADE: JULY 23, 2023



Committee Bulletin Board

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Susan McGregor

Backstory

I first made the recipe for antipasto as part of the First-St. Andrew's UCW Young Mothers' Group, sometime in the early 1980's. We made the antipasto at Beth Girvan's home and we also got together to do other things, like making Christmas wreaths at Mary-Lynn Mansell's home. We had young children and were an active part of the church family. I have made the recipe my own with a few tweaks and it sells well at the church bazaar.

ANTIPASTO

Do all the chopping first. I use a food processor, not a blender. To cook this, I use a big roasting pan placed over two burners on the stove. This amount of ingredients will make about 14 x 500 ml. Mason jars of finished product. The jars and lids should be washed and rinsed well. I keep the jars hot in an oven at 250 degrees F while I am making the antipasto and the lids are in boiling water on the stove top.

Cook, stirring constantly, for 15 minutes, the following:

- 250 ml olive oil
- 1 very large cauliflower, chopped
- 2 tins black olives, chopped (get ones with no pits)
- 1 - 500 ml jar green olives, chopped
- 1 - 375 ml jar sweet pickled onions, chopped

Add:

- 2 - 10 oz tins mushrooms, pieces and stems, chopped

- 2 large green peppers, chopped
- 1 - 250 ml jar pimento, chopped
- 2 litres ketchup
- 500 ml hot ketchup or chili sauce
- 1.5 litre jar sweet mixed pickles, chopped

Simmer over medium heat 15 minutes and stir often.

Add:

- 3 - 170 g tins flaked tuna in water, drained
- 3 tins cocktail shrimp, drained
- 2 tins of anchovies, chopped (optional; I don't use this)

Cook well for another 10 minutes, stirring often. Place into sterilized jars and seal. Store in a cool, dry place. Use within 1 year. Should be stored in fridge once the jar is opened. Will keep for several months opened in the fridge.

Answers to the FSA Quiz (p.20)
1. Angus MacQueen
2. St. Andrew's Hall
3. Dairy

(Tribute, cont'd. from page 9)

We are so fortunate that Ron found us at FSA and chose to make this his faith community of choice. Ron has become more involved over the years: in particular, volunteering to do odd jobs around the building and property. Our Facilities Manager would often count on Ron to do small painting jobs and minor touch ups throughout the building. Eventually, Ron came to serve on the Property Committee and continues to be a dedicated member offering insights and always willing to help out. In addition to these tasks, Ron regularly volunteers as a Narthex Coordinator and fills in when needed to provide service support on Sunday mornings.

Whether it be moving furniture for event setups, painting a railing, or handing out bulletins on a Sunday morning, Ron exemplifies quiet servitude and has become a fixture at FSA. Gentle, dedicated, reliable and willing. Thank you, Ron, for all you do at First-St. Andrew's United Church. †

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COUNCIL

David Wardlaw

The budget presentations at parts 1 and 2 of the annual congregational meetings in January and June 2023 make clear that we must focus more attention on stewardship, fundraising, sustainable revenue generation, and cost savings. A multipoint, multiyear plan to create a sustainable operating budget for the FSA community of faith was approved in revised form at the June meeting of Council. The multipoint plan was subsequently made available via a link in the following four eblasts with an invitation to provide comments or ask questions. One suggestion was received which will be incorporated in the plan. This plan consists of near-term, medium-term and long-term items and provides a blueprint for at least the next 2-3 years. The multipoint, multiyear plan can be found on the FSA website on the Council Page, www.fsaunited.com/council

In early June 2023, FSA's facilities manager, Tim Mi-edema, resigned. This has provided an opportunity to assess our needs in the areas of facilities management, facilities

maintenance, custodial services, and technological support services. To this end, at its June meeting, Council approved a needs assessment study in the above-mentioned areas. A working group has been formed to undertake the study and membership will be announced shortly in the weekly eblast. The group will assess our needs, consulting widely in the process, and will ultimately provide a report (to Council) which will include recommendations.

One of the items in the multipoint plan for a sustainable operating budget, is incremental fundraising in support of the operating budget. A fundraising working group is being formed to catalyze, oversee, and coordinate. Membership will be announced shortly in the weekly eblast. Put on your thinking caps: fundraising ideas are always welcome!

At the June meeting of Council, the naming of the youth room in memory of Jane Dockrill was approved. An event celebrating Jane's contributions to FSA will be held on Sept. 24; details will be provided in due course. †



SHARED YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Marilyn Arthur

I am full of gratitude for a full and fun-packed summer spent working with such talented, gifted and creative young people. Thank you to a grant from Canada Summer Jobs and the support from Metropolitan, FSA and Siloam for this amazing opportunity. I am personally grateful that we have the opportunity to employ youth and young adults to work with our churches and communities allowing them to not only have full-time employment, but also the opportunity to share their leadership skills with one another and those they work with. This summer our SALT team (Summer Adventure Leadership Team) were able to share their talents, discover and learn new skills, and learn more about each other, God and the life of the church. It is my hope that each young person that worked with us this summer gained new leadership skills, and confidence in their God-

given gifts and were able to make connections for their future.

We were able to hire six youths and young adults (pictured in accompanying photo) to plan and lead Vacation Bible summer camps, as well as youth and intergenerational events this summer. Thank you to everyone who supported these events.



The Summer Adventure Leadership Team: L to R: Marilyn Arthur, Olivia Tuckey, Ally Ott, Chloe Meldrum, Liam Webb, Denver Miller and Derik Koustrup, horizontal

First-St. Andrew's welcomed 20 children into the building from July 24-28 for a week-long summer camp and we had a blast. The theme was "Arise and Shine." This theme helped us reflect and discuss our God-given lights/talents and how we express our lights to shine them into the world. This theme was carried out by the variety of activities, crafts and games that the campers participated in.

The SALT team was also involved with planning and programming for the Fall for our children, youth and young adult programs. I look forward to gathering with so many of

you this fall for a variety of programs, events, sleepovers, and activities. †



FINANCE

Laura Wood

As of July 31, 2023, FSA is showing a deficit year to date of \$31,880 after trust assistance. Trustees have forwarded \$75,000 of their \$100,000 Proudfoot Fund commitment for the year.

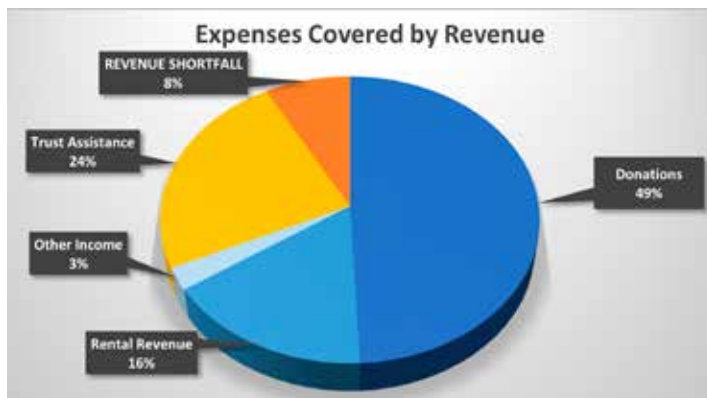
Donations are now \$12,155 ahead of budget thanks to a generous donation. We are so grateful for the continued gen-

erosity of our FSA members that allows us to do God's work and to enable our church to stay strong and nimble during one of the most challenging seasons of our ministry. However, we must continue to actively find sustainable sources of revenue growth to support operating expenses as we continue to live as stewards of God's abundant gifts through Faith, Service and the Arts. †

FSA Income Statement

For **July 2023**

	YTD 2023 Budget	YTD 2023 Actual	YTD 2023 Differential	YTD 2022 Actual
Operating Revenue				
Total Donations	184,320	196,474	12,155	182,864
Total Rental Revenue	55,078	65,314	10,237	45,579
Total Other Revenue	7,957	10,051	2,094	18,040
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	247,355	271,840	24,485	246,483
Operating Expenses				
Total Ministry & Personnel	226,698	200,834	(25,864)	169,924
Total Property Expenses	104,562	102,804	(1,758)	89,652
Other Expenses				
Christian Development	875	408	(467)	151
Membership & Nurture	884	906	23	721
Music Committee Expenses	10,834	10,460	(374)	10,234
Worship	1,666	793	(873)	950
Mission & Outreach	510	(710)	(1,220)	650
Communication & Marketing	2,824	1,822	(1,002)	1,896
Administration	22,401	25,479	3,077	22,069
UCC Assessment	19,633	19,633	-	13,907
Stewardship & Capital Campaign	-	548	548	-
Planning Committee	-	-	-	150
Princess Ave Expenses	-	2,446	2,446	-
Special Projects-El Sistema related expenses	10,000	13,496	3,496	-
Total Other Expenses	69,628	75,280	5,652	50,729
TOTAL EXPENSES	400,889	378,918	(21,970)	310,306
Total Operating Deficit	(153,534)	(107,078)	46,456	(63,822)





MEMBERSHIP & NURTURE

Heather Locking-Cusolito

As is our custom, Membership and Nurture has not met over the summer, but behind the scenes the work rolls on:

- In June we were delighted to welcome Rev. Annie Janaway to our meeting in her new role as Minister of Pastoral Care. Annie's many gifts are highlighted in an article about her on page 5 and in her own message to FSA on page 4.
- We are also delighted to announce that Glenna Hall and Lillian Reid have agreed to Co-Chair Membership and Nurture. Lillian (lcreid@rogers.com) will chair our M&N meetings and Glenna (glennajhall@gmail.com) will attend Council. If you need to get in touch regarding any Membership and Nurture issues Lillian and Glenna recommend that you contact them BOTH by email. Heather Locking-Cusolito will continue to be responsible for Minutes and reports to Council and *Tidings*.
- Lemonade on the Lawn took place over June, July and August with thanks to Mary Mattar, Donna Thompson and Heather Locking-Cusolito for serving and with appreciation to Glenna Hall for keeping us well supplied with lemonade and cookies.
- Coffee and Conversation (C&C) will resume the Sunday after Labour Day. Glenna Hall has been reaching out to all committee chairs to schedule a month for each committee to staff C&C.
- Glenna Hall and Heather Locking-Cusolito met with Pastor Joshua and Kathryn Skelly on August 16 to finetune a checklist outlining the processes involved with welcoming new members. We hope to have another New Members Sunday sometime in the fall.

With grateful thanks for the work of the committee and all those who welcome and nurture those in our midst. †



Affirm Subcommittee

Karen Low

The past few months were busy ones for our committee as we prepared for July's Pride celebrations. We were hoping to have activities on the church lawn, serve as a water station for parade participants, and be a part of the United Church contingent in the parade. Unfortunately, the parade was rerouted at the last minute – no doubt due to ongoing construction in the area. Undaunted, folks found other ways to participate! We are grateful to all who volunteered to assist, who purchased Pride T-Shirts, who marched or rode on the float and those who helped hand out Freezies on the corner! Your support is testimony to your ongoing commitment to the values you espouse.

Also, a part of our Pride observances this year was a

service of worship, bringing together faith leaders, musicians, and contributors from across London and environs to honour Truth and Abundance. We thank Joshua Lawrence and Chris Fischer for organizing this event.

Hate crimes against the LGBTIQ2S+ community are on the rise, according to Canadians United Against Hate. In our own community there have been a number of instances of late of vandalism involving Pride flags, hateful graffiti found in parks, Drag Storytime protests, and threats issued against the community. It is a known fact that homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia have devastating impacts, creating higher risks of mental health issues, unemployment, homelessness, and harassment. We must come together as a society to move beyond tolerance and towards acceptance and equity. During the coming months, the Affirm Subcommittee will be looking at some of these issues to better understand and help to address the need around us.

“By acting compassionately, by helping to restore justice and to encourage peace, we acknowledge that we are all part of one another.” - Ram Dass

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Archives Subcommittee

Don Jones

Summer has seen the Archives Committee take a break from regular meetings and activities as a group. Individuals, however, have continued to make progress on the organization of our new Archives Room. Pat Carter has introduced and accomplished additional shelves that will make the collection better organized. She had the help of Roy Carter for this project. It was completed in early July. This will mean that the current index of contents must be reworked to reflect the changed arrangement in the room.

The change to the new Archives room has been accomplished for the most part, but the ongoing work will continue as the year progresses. Individuals who have an interest in the history of our great church are invited to contact Don Jones, the current chair of the committee, to volunteer for this committee. Although many have been in the church for a long time, it is always interesting to dive into the archives and find a new fact that is remarkable and not known by most of the congregation. It is especially important as we approach our 200th anniversary in the year 2032. †



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MUSIC

Merran Neville

It is very hard to let go of summer, but as we move into fall there is the prospect of concerts and special services ahead. Before going there, we remember the following people who contributed so much to the music program over many years and have left us this year; Enid Merritt, Harold Jackson, Mary Ellen Gustafson and Stephen Adams all supported Music at FSA as members of the senior choir and made many other contributions to FSA that were greatly appreciated. We miss them deeply. A service will be held at FSA for Stephen on Friday, Sept. 8 at 11:00am and for Mary Ellen on Friday, Sept. 22 at 11:00am.

We thank the following musicians who contributed to summer services – Margaret Trethewey – flute, Francesca Ranalli – mezzo soprano, Gary McCumber - clarinet, Ken Baldwin - trumpet, Nancy Quinn - soprano, Angela Gjurichanin - soprano, Hillary Tufford – mezzo soprano, Bob Peel - harp, Lynda Kennedy – piano, Lorna Fratschko – soprano, Paul Merritt – piano/organ and, of course, our Minister of Music, Chris Fischer. They performed beautiful music to enrich each service.

The senior choir, under the leadership of Chris Fischer, returned to rehearsals Thursday, Sept. 7 and is singing in worship from Sunday, Sept. 10. Our Eberhard vocal scholars, Maddie Berman and Daryn Nowlin, have also returned for a second year in the choir. We welcome new members to the senior choir. If you are interested in joining, please contact Chris Fischer at music@fsaunited.com.

Chris is a member of the Elora Singers and we are excited that this choir will be coming to FSA on Saturday, Nov. 4 to give a workshop and a concert. Planning is well advanced for concerts this year (2023-2024) which are supported by the Friends of Music fund. It is because of many generous donors to Friends of Music that we are able to offer concerts throughout the year. Details about these concerts will be available soon. The Laudamus Bells are returning to rehearsals Sept. 11 with their director, Richard Frank.

We have learned the exciting news that a music program for our FSA children will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023. The program for “Treblemakers” includes ringing chimes and

handbells, plus choir opportunities. Leadership will be provided by both FSA and El Sistema staff members. The fee for the session Sept. 20 – Dec. 13 is \$75/child and will help to cover the cost of supper which will be provided each week.†



UCW

Nancy Quinn

Save the Date: Our always much anticipated annual UCW Boutique Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023. This festive event is always a lot of fun and an important fundraiser, supporting both FSA and many local UCW supported charities – such as Anova, ELUCO, and My Sisters Place. The baking, sewing, handmade crafts (such as beautiful cards), jewellery, preserves, music, the Noel Café . . . all are important parts of this cherished FSA Boutique Bazaar tradition. More details about the Boutique Bazaar will be announced this fall, as we prepare to celebrate the Advent Season.

Call for Preserves: Your UCW Preserves Committee, with Susan McKane coordinating, are grateful for any preserves that you can set aside for the Bazaar. There will be a call in the November email blast and announcements as to when and where to bring in your wonderful creations.

Laurel Kenney, our FSA UCW President, has been busy this summer directing preserve making at Kenneycott, her cottage on Lake Huron near Bayfield. Red currant jelly, cherry jam, and chili sauce are some of the culinary delights awaiting you at the Boutique Bazaar.

Please bring in your one cup (250 ml) preserving jars to the cart in the Atrium during the month of September. These jars will be put to use during our annual traditional crabapple jelly making project in the late fall. Please do not bring in any jars other than the preserving jars; please recycle other types of jars in your blue box.

Please stay tuned for announcements about our upcoming UCW fall programming. We appreciate your generosity in continuing to mail in or drop off your UCW Green Envelope cheques, care of FSA, attention UCW. Please make out your cheques to FSA United Church Women. †

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Committee Members

White Squirrel Golf Tournament

The White Squirrel Golf Tournament committee is delighted again this year with the results of our 17th annual tournament. FSA members and 27 hole sponsors helped us reach our goal with generous donations. Our net proceeds were \$11,500. Beneficiaries of these donations are London Lifts Together – helping to bring an Afghan Family to Canada; East London United Church Outreach (ELUCO); St. Paul's Social Services; Indwell Supportive Housing – London; and Los Quinchos school for child street vendors in Managua, Nicaragua. On an historical note, the Tournament was started to support Los Quinchos.

Sincere thanks go to David and Diane Knoppert, Ivana Klouda, Jim Silcox, Bob Schram, Kathryn Skelly, Colleen Garrett, and members of the Mission & Outreach Committee.

The list of hole sponsors is presented in the Committee Bulletin Board on page 12 of this issue.

Grow-a-Row 2023

We will be launching the annual Grow-a-Row campaign in September so mark your calendars for Sunday, September 17 when we will be holding the annual corn roast after the service in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. There

will be hotdogs, cookies, and plenty of delicious corn. We will also welcome Nevin McDougall, an Ontario ambassador for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, who will be speaking at the luncheon about CFB's activities and how your support for this worthwhile cause assists those in need around the world. Remember, your donation is matched 4:1 by the Canadian Government. See you all on the 17th!

East London United Church Outreach (ELUCO)

Nancy Howard, the ELUCO Community Support Worker, continues to support families with housing issues, Ontario Works, and ODSP appointments, as well as listening to and counselling individuals.

ELUCO is presently operating with a deficit budget and fundraising is a priority. Our major fundraiser of the year, The Walk and Roll for Families, is coming on Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 pm at Springbank Park. It will be a beautiful fall day for a walk in the park so please join us in this fundraiser. Contact Janice Elliott, janiceelliott04@gmail.com for a pledge sheet, further information or to make a donation! We need your support! †



PROPERTY

George Jolink

The Property Committee has had a hiatus over the summer months which is typically a slower time since most FSA programs are on a break. We will meet again in September to address any issues that may come up as we look at the busy fall season.

In these last few months, we have said farewell to Tim Meidema, our Facilities Manager of 10 years. Tim's skill set and knowledge of the building was an invaluable asset in our ability to run a large aging facility efficiently. He is greatly missed. As a result, please be patient with requests to the Property Committee since all building issues are now being handled on a priority/emergency basis by volunteers. With that in mind, we thank those who have already stepped up to help as needed: Ron Bradely, Connor Campbell, David Wardlaw, and Stephen Elson.

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We also lost another member of our committee this summer. We bid farewell to Sandra Black Evans and thank her for her years of service on Property.

As we head into the fall we will be living into our newly reorganised spaces and our partnership with El Sistema. In addition, we welcome Original Kids as a returning user. They will be using Proudfoot Hall on a regular basis for rehearsals. We continue to draw our regular concert rentals, art shows, and a painting group. It is indeed a busy place, and these tenants provide a much-needed revenue stream. As a faith community, our building is our largest physical asset and we are fortunate that we can capitalise on that.

At the close of last heating season, we experienced ongoing boiler issues which are not yet fully resolved. The 2008 Avis report suggested that the boiler was nearing the end of its reliable life span. It is apparent that we need to investigate an update to our heating systems and look at the possibility of adding cooling options. This will be a massive undertaking and will have significant costs. The congregation will be informed as decisions are being contemplated and a capital campaign may be necessary.

Thank you to the Committee for your dedication and service to FSA. †



TRUSTEES

Jackie Williams Paul Cooper



As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we have had much for which to be thankful within our church. The extreme volatility that the stock markets endured over the last 18 months has started to stabilize, and inflation also seems to be slowing in certain categories, although interest rates remain high. In 2023, investment growth has added \$281,000 to the value of the FSA portfolio. In 2022, the investment loss was \$502,000, but we are continuing on the path of recovery by staying invested during the current market recovery. We are not yet back to the heady heights we enjoyed as of December 31, 2021, but this is precisely why the Trustees follow a conservative, long-term approach when it comes to expending revenues from the Legacy Trust Funds.

To the end of June, the Trust Funds provided \$90,000 to the operating budget. In addition, the Restricted Trust Funds provided \$43,188 in funding for FSA expenses paid in 2023. In July, we have arranged the payment of the 3rd quarter 2023 operations pledge of \$25,000, and \$10,772 for restricted fund expenses for the 2nd quarter of 2023. That totals \$168,960 of support to the church to date in 2023, compared to the \$235,000 provided by the Trust Funds for all of 2022. The Trustees are responding to the urgency expressed by Finance to address cash flow concerns by providing valuable funding in advance of the usual schedule.

The revenue from the Shopping Card Program has been

excellent. The first half results for 2023 have been ~\$90,000 with profits of ~\$4,500 for the church. This is a wonderful way to support FSA at no cost to members of the congregation, and we encourage the congregation to further grow this program by purchasing cards from the wide variety of stores in London.

We are especially fortunate this year in some remarkably generous donations from members of the congregation. Earlier in the year, FSA was able to call Annie Jannaway as our new part-time Pastoral Care Minister, thanks to a significant donation from an anonymous donor. Another anonymous donor responded to the “donating appreciated securities” approach by giving a significant donation to support both operations and the trust funds recently. We are very thankful and truly blessed to have such generous and caring individuals within our congregation. †



FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Allyson Watson

As we head back into the fall, we have lots of things to look forward to: Adult education Bible Study will be meeting on Thursday mornings (we are looking to add an evening option as well, so keep your eyes peeled); and Sunday School will be kicking off on September 10.

Treblemakers will begin September 20. This is a new group being offered in partnership with El Sistema, Christina Lindsay, and Chris Fischer. (Contact Christina Lindsay for more information.)

Joshua's C.R.E.W. for grades five-eight will be up and running in September as well, and Youth Group with Marilyn will kickoff with an overnight at the church in September.

On September 24 we will be naming the youth room in honor and memory of Jane Dockrill. Please join us to celebrate her contributions to FSA on that date. †



CLIMATE ACTION LONDON

Mary Ann Hodge

After taking some time off during the summer, Climate Action London is now busy organizing local action around the city's multi-year budget. Building on the energy from Earthfest in April, Climate Action London will be leading a cross-sector team of organizations to host the first ever Climate and Sustainability Summit in London.

We know that what you invest your time and resources in are the things that move forward. The City has indicated that they are concerned about climate change, and we are hoping to see some targeted action. As we have seen this summer, climate change makes every other crisis worse. It is not a case of climate action OR addressing other issues,

but climate action TO help address other crises. Everything and everyone is connected. We will be exploring how can we best use our limited resources for optimal impact.

Over a dozen individuals and organizations have already signaled their interest in participating. The summit is anticipated to be held in early January, but planning has already begun. If you are a member of a group that is working on any of the Sustainable Development Goals, and would like to be part of the planning of this summit, please reach out to us at ClimateActionLondon@gmail.com for more information.

I invite you to visit our website ClimateActionLondon.ca to CONNECT with our campaign and subscribe to our weekly newsletter (sign up at: <http://eepurl.com/hhK8Ff>) We look forward to CONNECTING with you. †

Milestones

DEATHS:

Jeane Stewardson, May 28, 2023
 Barbara Adams, June 19, 2023
 Mary Ellen Gustafson, July 6, 2023
 Stephen Adams, July 30, 2023

MARRIAGES:

Connor Campbell & Shannon Hawke, August 3, 2023

TRANSFERS OUT:

Sandra Black-Evans (Metropolitan, July 7, 2023)

FSA History Quiz



Judith Walker
 & The Archives
 Committee

One of our past ministers also served as Moderator of the United Church of Canada while he was with us. His name was:

- a. Rev. Dr. Moir Waters
 - b. Rev. Angus MacQueen
 - c. Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows
 - d. Rev. Dr. George Goth
2. The part of the church that houses the Chapel and Pastor Joshua's office is officially named:
- a. Proudfoot Hall
 - b. Tolpuddle Hall
 - c. The Back Hall
 - d. St. Andrew's Hall
3. The name, A.E. Silverwood, appears on some of our beautiful stained-glass windows. He made his fortune in:

- a. Mining
- b. Lumber
- c. Dairy
- d. Tech

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